of Police, CO Bezpur with remote control explosive device and killed all the six police personnel traveling in the vehicle. Police also recovered a piece of wire and battery from the spot. Local police have arrested six suspected terrorists of Bezpur and Nainital area in this connection. All possible measures are being taken by the State Government to rehabilitate the affected people. The State Government have reported that a number of steps have been report taken to curb the menace of terrorism in the State, which include setting up of new police Stations|check-posts|barriers in the terrorist affected areas, use of modern weapsons and better communication facilities etc.

Super session of section officers in BSF

4093. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Section Officers working in the ogranisation of the Border Security Force, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of them have been superseded by their juniors;

(c) if so, the particulars of those officers and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are reconsidering their cases on the basis of the reasons stated in their representations submitted to the Border Security Force; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (M. M. JACOB): (a) At present their are 8 Section Officers in BSF, New Delhi.

(b) to (e) Two officers have represented against fixation of their inter-se seniority in the grade of Assistant and their promotions made to the grade of Section Officers on the basis of this seniority. These representations are under consideration.

Killings by ULFA Hard-liners

4094. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI MURLIDHAR
CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether hard-liners amongst ULFA have been regrouping and striking at chosen targets, indulging in killings and kidnapping taking advantage of the suspenson of operation Rhino, resorted to at ULFA leaders' behest in good faith, to enable them to have General Council Meetings; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction therto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There are reports of regroupings by the ULFA hard-liners opposed to talks. Incidents of extortion and kidnapping by such elements have also been reported.

(b) The Government of Assam has been advised to provide all assistance to the Army in its operations against anti-talk ULFA elements.